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Railroad Aspects

We intend with having opposed the railroad interest of southern Oregon for political purposes let the latter plea and with having left behind us the hope of such a party alliance the injury that would thereby result to the south part of the State the *Herald* keeps on in the course it started in of thwarting the only chance Portland has of ever securing a railroad

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We are in our regular weekly course with interesting letters from Senator Williams which place in our hands a very full fulness and clear statement regarding the matter lived with recent rumors controversy nothing has been published that can approach in truth it covers the whole ground and leaves the light and the subject illustrated by the facts of the case

The result of the legislative action is shown to be fully as favorable as was anticipated by the friends of the measure

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EASTERN DATES TO JULY 6

Congressional

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TUESDAY MORNING JULY 5 1870

CITY.

CITY PROCEEDINGS.—Regular meeting last evening Present His Honor the Mayor, and all the Councilmen but Mr Hot

PETITIONS

Petitions were received from Durkheimer and others asking for relief from assessments alleged to be unjust. Referred

Several applications for permits to improve property were acted upon favorably

A communication from A B Hallock Pres Board of Delegates, asking that Secretary of the Board be paid a salary of $400 Referred

A petition on Elections asked further time to register in the 2d ward Granted

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

The report of the Chief Engineer was read It was recommended as follows During the year commenced 2 still fires total, 2 false alarms 2 still fires total, insurance $50 The Department has 3 engineers 9 firemen 2 hose and 2 hand engines 1 H & L engine 1200 ft hose and 2 in hand engines in use Recommends the erection of lookout over the Occidental alarm bell Badge for firemen Thinks the present alarm bell badge for firemen Thinks 30 fire cisterns and 200 fire hydrants Recommends the erection of lookout over the Occidental alarm bell

Sunset

Hand in hand, by the garden gate
The little sugar-plum fairy and I
Looking across the fields of grain
To watch the day fade in regal dress and
Die at last out of the evening west

Over her shoulders brown and bare,
Floats in jungles of gauzy hair;
All the west is of its tawny gold
Once while shining girls were rolled
Toward by the Rhine or winds at last,
Caught by the brambles tall and stout

They have been up on the hills at play
Where the bitter roses bloom to-day
Hunting the pastures green and low
For the beds where the sweet wild strawberries grow
Well sit under the alders cool
Where the silvery minnows light up the pool

Into their eyes the level sun
Shines, for its course is almost done
Touching their brows and tangled hair
With a glory a petted saint might wear
And I think of them through their eager eyes
Are looking away into Paradise

Slowly out of the gleaming west
Dies the day in her splendor dressed
Cloudy castle and gates of light
Fade to the dusky hues of night
But the child and a fairy grow more fair
As they bend by their mother's knee in prayer

The Administration a Success

[From the New York Tribune June 20]

Gen Grant's career as President is vehemently denounced a failure by such representatives of different opinions and constituencies as *The World* and *The Sun*. The one denounces him because, whereas he once seemed to have few affiliations with professional politicians, he is now on the best of terms with them; because he shows capacity to forget personal grudges in desire to do his duty and thus wins cordial relations with old antagonists like Gen Butler because he is not as it avers, a brilliant President (like Prince or Bucephalus we suppose) is not ambitious to enforce a policy of his own but is most ready waiving his own opinions when necessary to accept and execute the will of the people as expressed through Congress. *The Sun* is even more vehement but less explicit. It denounces him (after claiming that but for its Editor he would never have been Commander-in-Chief or President) because he takes occasional seasons of relaxation from the cares of office, because he does not always select noted politicians for the offices because he does not adopt a high tone with effete and bankrupt Spain, because he has appointed to office men once engaged in rebellion and in general, because, as it alleges he is lazy and incompetent.

With the personal matters which in one of these cases, that of Mr Dana are openly discussed in connection with this judgment we have nothing to do. With the judgment itself we propose briefly to deal. We do not regard Gen. Grant's administration as a failure. We do regard it as a very safe and substantial success, and we do not for one moment doubt that, outside the narrow but noisy limits of political disappointments and aspirations, the sober, well-considered judgment of the country sincerely and heartily renders the same verdict. We remember that there was a time when Mr. Lincoln was denounced in terms almost identical with those now used in denouncing Gen Grant. He was accused of lack of brilliancy. He was declared to be no politician. He was said to cling to politicians and bodies, like Bates and Usher and Welles; to ignore the live, powerful men of the party, like Chase and Cameron and Butler. He was without pluck, allowing the country to be bullied by Great Britain with her privateers, and by France and her Mexican expedition. He sought retention from the mere love of office, and even indulged in the enormity of telling stories while the Republic was in the throes of a struggle for its existence. Yet, in spite of envenomed assault on these and many like scores he was renominated without a count. Then was seen how timid and inconsequential was all this noisy party opposition. It was found that, since Jackson, no man had so reached the popular heart. Assailed in committee rooms he was applauded in town-meetings. Distrusted in caucuses, he was enthusiastically followed by the plain yeomanry of the country. The men who cast the votes believed in him to their hearts' core, and his second race for the Presidency was no race at all, but a triumphal procession. It is too soon to say that Gen. Grant's popularity will to the end abide the same tests,—it is not too soon to say that it now seems of the character. The plain people believe in him, as they believed in Lincoln. They consider his administration as they considered Lincoln's, a success. And they are right. For

Grant's Administration is collecting the revenue, economising the expenditures, and paying the debt. When Gen. Grant was inaugurated the National Debt was $2 738,803 598. At the end of his first year it was $2,751 668 785, and since then it has been steadily reduced in ever increasing ratio. Yet the taxes have not been increased. On the contrary, special taxes have been largely reduced, imposts have been removed, the burdens have been more and more lifted from productive industry, and at this very moment, in accordance with Gen. Grant's earnest desire, a modified Tax and Tariff bill is before the Senate, having already passed the House, which will cut at a single stroke 65 millions more. Yet the revenue increases. What, under Johnson, went into the pockets of thieves and under Grant, into the coffers of the Treasury, and its amount is deducted from the annual taxation.

Grant's Administration, though that of the most successful and renowned Soldier of his age, is earnestly seeking peace with all nations and entering entangling alliances. We have not always been able to agree with some details of his foreign policy but this is its net result. Personally a known devotee of the doctrine of Manifest Destiny, Gen Grant has shown no scrupulous a regard for the rights of our weaker neighbors that the suspicious Mexicans have ceased to disturb him and the critical and unfriendly British Cabinet and press are forced to accord to him reluctant praise. If he has not done all things in Cuba as we would wish them, we are bound at least to recognize the fact that he has preserved our bleeding people from war, protected our lawful commerce from depredation and made energetic diplomatic efforts for the protection of American citizens in insurrectionary regions.

Grant's Administration has kept the peace on the frontier. We have been threatened with an Indian war that under former management would have swallowed up hundreds of millions. With a Soldier at the head of the Government, we might have looked for the logic of the bayonet, in the interpretation of Indian treaties, protection of the advancing railroads, and opening up of the Indian country. Instead we have had an Indian placed at the head of the Bureau, controlling the policy of the Government with his people. Quakers selected for Indian agents, the wishes of Sherman and Sheridan held in check and Spotted Tail and Red Cloud brought peaceably to Washington at the moment when their barbarous hordes seemed ready to raise the war whoop and pile the scalping-knife along hundreds of miles of our exposed settlements. We took in the even mood of Grant's Quaker policy, not less than the good sense wrought by an honest collection of our revenue.

Grant's Administration has secured the triumph of Equal Rights. For the passage of the XVth Amendment we owe him gratitude that Against him it might possibly have been carried, with his earnest, cordial and efficient co-operation it was certainly attained more speedily and without a serious struggle. In this and in all other leading measures, he has been most true to the principles of the party that elected him—has lent his most faithful and powerful aid to secure their triumph, and has honestly administered his great office in their light. He has utterly disappointed the Democratic prediction that he would betray the Republicans and hence their wrath. He has most cheerfully co-operated with Congress has never hesitated to advance opinions of his own that has differed from those of Congress, and has never delayed heartily to execute the will of the people, when it was expressed through its voice. With most decided wishes and policy of its own on many points, there never was an Administration with less pride of opinion or more grace in yielding to the popular verdict as uttered by the representatives of the people.

Grant's Administration recognizes the whole people. It is no rule of the army over a conquered foe. Every effort is made to obliterate the bitterness to win back our late foes to that hearty support of the Government accompanied by the sagacity to see that the final triumph of the principles of the party is the best guarantee of the future peace and prosperity of the whole country. Grant's administration is that of a President in this spirit now is the way to surely and firmly fix Mr Thurman of Ohio as President in this spirit now is the way to make this again a country of peace and prosperity.

But we will not continue the recital. How poor and beggarly looks such things as are the complaint that the President does not take a stand in his every look upon the party, his speeches, his acts, his appointments, with the politicians with the press, in short in all the details of the relation of our chief magistrate to the people. We never felt more confident that the people were sound and safe than now. We point to no record with more satisfaction and we suspect that the country will unite with us in pronouncing him a sound and safe President still.

The Darien Surveying Expedition

INCIDENTS OF THE SURVEY A POINT TWENTY MILES INLAND REACHED—ITS ONTENT AT BUFFERING AMONG THE MEN

By the arrival from Aspinwall of the steamer *Morro Castle* (via St Thomas) we have advices from the Darien Surveying Expedition to May 30th. The weather had outlook extremely unfavorable for the surveying parties. The rains were of daily occurrence and very heavy swelling the streams to torrents. In consequence of the heavy fall of water it had been difficult to keep the workmen's parties in the front supplied with provisions.

On May 27th active preparations were going forward on board the *Nyack* and the *Lardner* to return to New York. On the 28th the commander of the expedition changed his plans and it is now believed he will continue his surveys until one of the surveying parties shall have crossed the Darien Isthmus, and terminated with the survey from the *Nyack* to the Pacific side. A letter was received on the 28th from the commander of the *Nyack* stating that his party were so far distance up the Bayano River the course of which they expected to leave shortly to ascend the Marmonia River. The aim of Capt Selfridge is to reach the Marmonia from this side and descend the stream meeting the party from the *Nyack*. The Aspar was to leave for Aspinwall on the 31st it being Selfridge's intention to pay a visit to the *Nyack's* permanent via Panama Railroad.

According to the latest advices Lieut Hubbard's party had surveyed 20 miles from the beach at which a distance the highest land which was found was 809 feet the elevation of the rivers had been 295 feet. The surrounding country was very rugged and difficult. Donkey transportation had been abandoned, and provisions for the working party were carried forward in small quantities by the men. On the 23th of May Capt Selfridge ordered Messrs Moser and Bowdich to take one machetera, with plenty of provisions for the party go to the head of Lieut Hubbard's line, and from thence strike a S S E course and endeavor to reach the San Jose Marmonia, or other river on that line flowing toward the Pacific Ocean. They were to have a pack traverse of the route and Lieut Hubbard was to follow as fast as possible with compass and level.

On the 30th orders were issued that Lieut. Hitchcock Lieut Goodrel and six men fully provisioned leave the beach early on the following morning to relieve Lieut Hubbard and party the latter to return to the beach at once, and, taking a S S E course, to make for the San Jose or Mormonia River thence to proceed, if deemed prudent to the Pacific Ocean, or until the party from the *Nyack* is encountered. No orders had been issued recalling Messrs Moser and Bowdich.

The general health of the expedition was fair, no sickness having appeared except fever and ague. The men however, were exceedingly dissatisfied with Capt Selfridge's determination to prolong their stay on the Isthmus. Five men have deserted from the Guard and more would go if they had opportunity. Officers and men complain that their endurance has now been taxed to the utmost, and that longer stay in such a climate will be dangerous.

Most of the men have worn out all their clothes and shoes, and the officers are in little better condition. There are not half a dozen pairs of shoes in the Darien or ships stores. The men are deeply in debt, having worn out more clothes on the expedition than would be required for a three years' cruise. The pay and allowances are not greater than when on a cruise, and unless relief is offered by the Government to the expedition it is felt that it will be a costly one to those engaged in it.

Butler's Amnesty Bill

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The bill reported, today, by Mr Butler of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Reconstruction, provides for full and general grace, amnesty, and oblivion of certain wrongful acts, doings, or omissions of all persons engaged in the war of the late rebellion, participated, incurred or forfeited between the 11th day of April, 1861, and the 20th day of August, 1866, with full restoration of all rights and privileges lost or injured thereby and therein. The following classes of persons, and the rights, titles and causes of action, are excepted from the provisions of this act, and none other. First, Those educated at the Military Academy at West Point, or the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Second, Members of either Houses of Congress of the so-called Confederate Congress. Third, Who ever held office as head of one of the executive departments of the United States, Minister plenipotentiary or Minister resident or Judge of any court under the United States, whoever held either of like offices in the Confederate States. Fourth, Whoever voted for or signed any ordinance of secession, or held office as Governor of a State while the same was in rebellion. Fifth, Whoever, while in the service of the so called Confederate States, treated with cruelty or otherwise than according to usages of war any prisoner of war. Sixth, Whoever, having charge of public moneys of the United States, has not duly accounted for and paid over the same, and who ever embezzled or aberated public stores, public goods, chattels, moneys, provisions or military and naval property of the United States. Seventh All deserters from the army or navy and bounty-jumpers. Eighth, All property and rights of property acquired by any levy judgment or extent made and executed upon any lands or tenement, goods, chattels, or other valuable thing whatever, and any sale or forfeiture by confiscation or taxation, whereby any rights or titles have become vested either in the United States or in third persons. Ninth, Every piece and parcel of land however it may be described and bounded, which now is or has been used as a National cemetery in which bodies of soldiers of the United States are interred or which is in occupation by the United States for purposes of cemetery, which parcels of land are hereby declared the property of the United States in fee by capture in war and forever dedicated to the uses and purposes of cemeteries for soldiers of the United States and to be under the jurisdiction of the United States inalienable for ever. *Provided* nothing herein contained shall affect or impair the validity of any act of Congress removing the political disabilities of any person hereon exempted from the effects of the provisions of this act. This shall extend to all acts or omissions by any officer or soldier, or other agent of the United States in carrying out the laws of the United States known as the Reconstruction act and other acts for the government of the rebellious States.

It is pretty clear says the San Francisco *Bulletin* that the cost of making a safe harbor at Midway Island, on the Japan route will not be less than a million dollars and then there is no certainty that steamers will use the harbor. Latest accounts show that the appropriation by Congress will go little farther than defraying the cost of experiments demonstrating the possibility of making a harbor at some future day. Then the fact is brought to light that the inner harbor to be reached by cutting through a coral reef is dotted all over with coral knobs which must be blasted away before a steamer can venture in with safety. According to the latest accounts there is a pretty large coral elephant at Midway Island, and when once secured it is doubtful if it can be turned to any practical account.

Gov Stevenson, of Kentucky, has published another card in reference to the curious quarrel between him and other Democratic politicians of that State. He says that he will not fight a duel; that for more than thirty years he has been a professor of the Christian religion that he is now Chief Magistrate of the State and that nothing can induce him to stab Christianity or trample upon the majesty of the public laws which he is sworn to uphold.

Markets by Telegraph

SAN FRANCISCO, June 26—Flour—Bank of Oregon $6 50; Pioneer Mills $6 50@6 75; Stockton $6 50@6 75; Extra $6 50@6 75; Superfine $5 50@6 00; Oregon